

The Institute of Asset Management
United Arab Emirates

IAM UAE CHAPTER AWARDS 2027

Submission Guidelines





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Celebrating excellence in asset management

The IAM UAE Chapter Awards acknowledge and celebrate the outstanding work of asset management professionals, organisations and teams across the United Arab Emirates.

Commitment, quality and foresight are vital to the success of asset management, alongside innovation, adaptation and social awareness. The awards provide an opportunity to showcase excellent asset management practice, celebrate achievements and share success with the wider asset management community.

We look forward to receiving your submissions and celebrating the outstanding work being undertaken across the profession.

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Who can enter?

The IAM UAE Chapter Awards are open to entries from individuals, teams and organisations involved in asset management, across all sectors and at any level of asset management maturity.

Each award category has its own criteria and submission guidance. All entries are also subject to the following:

• Submissions must relate primarily to activity, achievements or initiatives that have taken place during the previous 12 to 18 months.

• Submissions should be made in English. If this presents a significant barrier, please contact the IAM.
• Submissions must clearly align with the criteria for the category entered and describe the achievement or contribution being recognised.

• Wherever possible, submissions should include relevant data, results or other evidence to demonstrate the outcomes and impact achieved.

• You may submit entries into multiple award categories. However, a separate submission is required for each category, and each entry must be distinctly relevant to the respective category. The same submission should not be entered into multiple categories simply from a different perspective.

• Submissions must not exceed 2,400 words.

• Links may be included within the submission and supporting documents, such as PDFs or videos, may also be uploaded. Supporting material is optional and should provide additional evidence or context. It will not be judged independently from the main submission.



Award Categories

Individual Achievement Award

This award honours an individual who has made a significant personal contribution to the asset management efforts of their organisation or the wider asset management professional community.

Your submission should:

- Describe the individual's personal contribution and achievements.
- Demonstrate the significance of their contribution to their organisation and/or the wider asset management profession.
- Explain the influence or difference their work has made.
- Provide evidence of the outcomes resulting from their contribution.
- Clearly distinguish the individual's personal contribution where achievements have involved other people, teams or organisations.

Where an achievement has been accomplished with others, the submission may acknowledge their involvement, but it should clearly demonstrate the contribution of the individual being nominated.

Digital Innovation Award

This award honours innovative advancements in asset management in response to current challenges and opportunities. The individual, team or organisation should demonstrate the application of good asset management principles when adopting new technologies, developing digital capabilities or responding to evolving digital business and customer needs. The award recognises those at the forefront of asset management innovation, including pioneers and early adopters of new methods, technologies, theories and tools.

Your submission should:

- Explain the innovation and why a digital approach was selected.
- Demonstrate how the initiative aligns with good asset management principles.
- Describe how processes, operations or practices were adapted through the use of digital technologies.
- Explain why the outcome would not have been possible, or as successful, without the digital solution.
- Provide evidence of the outcomes, improvements or benefits achieved.

Corporate/Organization Transformation Award

This award honours an organisation's asset management journey and the excellence demonstrated in progressing its asset management capability and maturity. Organisations at any stage of asset management maturity may enter. The emphasis is on demonstrating meaningful progress and the difference that improvement in asset management has made.

Your submission should:

- Describe the organisation's asset management journey and the context in which the transformation took place.
- Explain the nature and scale of the achievement.
- Demonstrate how asset management capability, practice or maturity has progressed.
- Describe how the initiative has benefited internal and/or external stakeholders.
- Provide evidence of the outcomes and improvements achieved.

The category remains open regardless of the organisation's starting level of asset management maturity.

Team Achievement Award

This award honours an operational team or department that has made a significant contribution to its organisation or to the asset management knowledge base. The category recognises collaborative achievement and may include people working across different parts of an organisation or across multiple organisations.

Your submission should:

- Explain the achievement, project or initiative undertaken by the team.
- Demonstrate why teamwork and collaboration were central to its success.
- Describe the different skills, experience and contributions within the team.
- Explain how the team worked together to achieve the outcome.
- Provide evidence of the impact on the organisation, its stakeholders and/or the wider asset management knowledge base.

The emphasis should be on the collective contribution of the team and how collaborative working helped produce the successful outcome.

NxtGen Award

This award is for an individual newer to asset management, with less than five years in asset-management-focused roles, who has made an outstanding contribution to the implementation and development of asset management in any part of their organisation and demonstrates great potential for further asset management excellence.

Your submission should:

- Describe the individual's contribution and what makes it outstanding at this stage of their asset management career.
- Explain how the individual has developed and applied their asset management knowledge and experience.
- Provide examples of the difference their contribution has made.
- Describe relevant achievements or outcomes from the previous 12 to 18 months.
- Demonstrate their potential for continued development and achievement in asset management.

The submission should focus on the individual's own contribution, while recognising that this may have been achieved as part of a wider team or initiative.

Impact Award

This award honours an established asset management professional who has progressed beyond the early stages of their career and is making a demonstrable difference through their work. The individual should demonstrate how their asset management knowledge and experience have been applied to deliver meaningful outcomes, improve asset management practice, influence or develop others, or create value for their organisation, customers or stakeholders.

Your submission should:

- Demonstrate the individual's growing record of achievement and influence.
- Explain the individual's personal contribution and the difference they have made.
- Provide clear examples of meaningful outcomes resulting from their work.
- Demonstrate how they have applied their asset management knowledge and experience in practice.
- Provide evidence of the impact achieved.

Relevant examples could include developing or mentoring others, collaborating across disciplines or organisations, improving asset management practice, introducing innovative approaches or delivering demonstrable positive outcomes through asset management.

The Impact Award is intended to recognise professionals who have progressed beyond the career stage recognised by the NxtGen Award, but entrants are not required to demonstrate the sustained, extensive or profession-wide contribution associated with the Individual Achievement Award. Career stage rather than age should be considered, recognising that people enter asset management through different professional pathways.

Preparing your submission

When answering the submission questions, provide enough context for the judging panel to understand the achievement or contribution and why it deserves recognition.

Context
Describe the context in which the achievement or contribution took place. Where relevant, include the nature and scale of the assets, services, organisation or operational environment.

Nature of the achievement or contribution
Explain what was achieved, the circumstances, challenges or opportunities involved and what makes the achievement significant. Where possible, provide appropriate starting and final measures or levels of performance.

Approach
Describe what was done to achieve the outcome and how the approach was implemented or delivered.

Contribution
Clearly explain the specific contribution made by the individual, team or organisation being entered.

People and stakeholders
Describe who was involved in or affected by the achievement and how relevant colleagues, stakeholders or other parties contributed to or supported the approach.

Impact, outcomes and evidence
Explain the difference the achievement or contribution has made and provide appropriate evidence of the outcomes and benefits achieved.

Judging
Entries will be assessed by a panel of independent judges with experience across asset management industries and regions.

Submissions will be assessed against the requirements of the category entered and the evidence provided within the submission.

- Judging decisions are final.
- No individual feedback will be provided by the judging panel.



UAE Chapter winners and the Global Excellence Awards

The winner of each IAM UAE Chapter Award category will automatically become a finalist in the corresponding category at the IAM Global Excellence Awards 2027.

The IAM Global Excellence Awards will take place on:

23 June 2027
Royal National Hotel
London

For the Global Excellence Awards, the Digital Innovation Award is known as the Eason Digital Innovation Award, and the Individual Achievement Award is known as the McKeown Individual Achievement Award. The chapter-level category names remain Digital Innovation Award and Individual Achievement Award.

General terms and conditions

By submitting an entry to the IAM UAE Chapter Awards 2027, you agree to the following:

- Entries will be judged by an independent judging panel, and the decisions of the judging panel are final.
- No individual feedback will be provided by the judging panel.
- If you are named as a finalist, you agree to participate in the IAM UAE Chapter Awards Ceremony 2027.
- Winners of the IAM UAE Chapter Awards will automatically become finalists in the corresponding category at the IAM Global Excellence Awards on 23 June 2027 at the Royal National Hotel, London.
- Winners will first be announced at the official IAM UAE Chapter Awards Ceremony before being promoted through IAM communications and other media.
- If you are named a finalist or winner, information provided within your submission may be used by the IAM to produce promotional material and may be shared with official media partners for press releases, articles and related content.
- Finalists and winners may promote their success through their own press releases, advertising and promotional activity following the official IAM announcement and subject to any announcement arrangements communicated by the IAM.
- When referring to an award success, appropriate accreditation should be used, for example: “Winner of [category name] at the IAM UAE Chapter Awards 2027” or “Finalist in [category name] at the IAM UAE Chapter Awards 2027”.



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Submit online today!

Deadline: 8 January 2027

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